

Sunday 25<sup>h</sup> March 2007

Passion Sunday

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

<b>10.30 Family Service</b>	Prayers	Kate
	Communion Assistants	Andy & Kate
	Drinks	Elaine & David
	Reader	Elaine
	Junior Steward	Lydia and Molly
	Steward	Doreen & Joan
	Music	Angi, Steve

If you would like someone to pray with you after the 10.30 service please feel free to approach anyone with a prayer badge or ask the clergy.

Collect For Passion Sunday

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Week At St Marys

<b>Parent &amp; Toddlers</b>	This <b>Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am</b> in the hall.
<b>Women Exploring Faith</b>	<b>Thursday 9.30am</b> in the Parish Room. We will be exploring some spiritual disciplines, encouraging one another and enjoying friendship, coffee and biscuits

Kids Easter Activity Afternoon

Planned for the afternoon of **next (Palm) Sunday** - an opportunity to have fun and tell the Easter story aimed at the 6 – 10 year age group. Adult helpers required to supervise games, help with crafts, make drinks, chat & befriend. Please speak to Karen if you are able to help - invitations

for children will be available from next weekend.

Lent Course – Climate Change

Last session at church on Wednesday at 8pm.  
**28<sup>th</sup> March - What do we do now?**

Banners

You are invited to the official opening of our four thought-provoking contemporary textile artworks by Lucy L. **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> march 2007 7.30-9pm.**

Also you can see images of the banners on Lucy's website, featuring some members of the congregation in the background at

[www.lucylauener.co.uk](http://www.lucylauener.co.uk)

Christian Aid May Day Trek

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May.** Remember to send off your registration form (Yo gave out twelve and has a few spares if you've lost yours or would like to join a group of us for this lovely 5 mile walk or 10 or 15 miles if you're really keen!) and see if your household can collect £50 worth of sponsors.

Abolition Of Slavery

Sheffield will be commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade at a event in the Winter Gardens **this Tuesday, 27th March, at 5.15pm.**

Tribute will be paid to the millions who suffered and died as well as those who courageously campaigned for the abolition of slavery.

The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Cllr Jackie Drayton, will host the event. Speakers from the African-Caribbean community and Sheffield school children will use a series of readings, stories and brief performances to help us learn and appreciate the impact of this significant day in our history.

For further information telephone 273 5568.

News From The Wider Church

*(thanks to Alf in Upminster)*

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- A study carried out by a rehabilitation centre in Rome claims that religious faith may help with the recovery of stroke patients.
- A stand-up comedian is giving clergy in Leicestershire performance tips to improve their preaching.
- An antique flagon, stolen from St. John the Baptist Church, Treswell in 1965 has been returned after a parishioner noticed it being offered for sale on eBay.
- Bishop Calinic of Arges in Romania has urged his priests to lose weight. "Oversized bellies" he said, "only prove to people that priests have a good life and are not concentrating on their holy mission". He recommended "marathon prayer sessions rather than sport" to achieve this.
- The Department of Health has confirmed that churches will have to display no-smoking posters near their entrances after July 1st.

## Maundy Thursday Passover Meal

There will be in the evening of **5<sup>th</sup> April**. Details to follow.

## Shared Lunch

Bring something to share after church on **22<sup>nd</sup> April**. (Yo could do with six people to help clear up afterwards – any volunteers?)

## Volunteer Needed

A Volunteer Minibus Escort is needed to help with the Over-60s Lunch Club transport each **Thursday 10.30am-3pm**. Lunch and expenses provided. (Also, volunteer driver, MIDAS minibus test will be paid for). Please contact Yo on 258 4382

## Development Worker Job Vacancy

City of Sanctuary has recently been awarded funding by the Allen Lane Foundation and Sheffield Quakers, to enable us to appoint a part-time Development Worker to co-ordinate and extend our work.

The successful applicant will have a thorough knowledge of the asylum system and experience of successfully initiating and managing innovative community projects. The closing date for applications is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. An application pack can be obtained by sending a SSAE to City of Sanctuary, Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, S1 2JB or downloaded from [www.cityofsanctuary.com](http://www.cityofsanctuary.com).

## Fresh Expressions In Sheffield

Nationwide initiative, Fresh Expressions, has chosen the Diocese as a site to pilot national training for people interested in setting up a Fresh Expression. The training will be co-ordinated by Bob and Mary Hopkins of Anglican Church Planting Initiatives (ACPI) with local training headed up by Bruce and Colleen Mounsey. The team is developing two courses, the first of which is a six week course designed to serve as an introduction to Fresh Expressions to be held on Tuesday evenings from April 17<sup>th</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Christ Church, Pitsmoor. The second course is for those already beginning to do Fresh Expressions. Running for one year, the course is scheduled to start in September 2007 at Christ Church, Pitsmoor. For further information contact: [brucemounsey@gmail.com](mailto:brucemounsey@gmail.com)

## Sharrow Lantern Parade

**Next Sunday**. Procession of hundreds of beautiful lanterns with a spectacular finale. The theme this year is 'the enchanted garden'. Revellers congregate at **7pm** at Mount Pleasant Park, and the route is Vincent Road, Sharrow Lane, London Road, Lansdowne Estate and Cemetery Road, with the grand finale at Sheffield General Cemetery. The Vine Inn in Cemetery Road often has a DJ. Event finishes about 9.30pm.



Talking of Sharrow, there's a great new edition of 'Sharrow Today' out now. If you don't get a copy delivered, you might be able to get it from

[www.sharrowcf.org.uk/news.html](http://www.sharrowcf.org.uk/news.html)

## Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

### Palm Sunday procession

**During the morning service next Sunday morning we will be doing our usual procession around the streets surrounding the church. We all need to be extra-vigilant with children near busy roads. If anyone would be willing to act as a 'steward' please talk to Steve.**

### 10.30 Parish Communion

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Yo (readings); Elaine & David (drinks); Giles & Karen (communion assistants); Veronica (prayers); Josh (junior stewards); John & Margaret (steward); Steve, Claire, Jess (music).

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